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Assistant Chief Constable Andy Frost of Northamptonshire Police and Sue O'Callaghan, Head of Organisational Development, Carlsberg UK presented the awards to all the winners at The Old Bank, Northampton.

The scheme was run by Northampton Community Safety Partnership in association with Northampton Pubwatch to help create a safer town and recognise the licensed premises that are working hard to reduce alcohol related disorder and promote responsible drinking.

It is also recognised by the BII (British Institute of Innkeeping) as a national benchmark for the licensed trade to demonstrate good practice.

To be accredited as Best Bar None, licensed premises must meet the minimum standards in areas like door policy, crime reduction measures, policies on things like drunkenness and a wider sense of community responsibility.

Assistant Chief Constable, Andy Frost, Northamptonshire Police said:

"Best Bar None presents an opportunity for the licensed trade to work with Northamptonshire Police and Northampton Borough Council and partners, to reduce crime, especially violence and the fear of crime in and around licensed premises. It is a genuine attempt to improve standards and create a safer environment for customers to socialise in and staff to work in. It is part of our strategy to reduce violent crime associated with alcohol abuse, and helps to promote safer and more positive image of the night time economy in Northampton. Best Bar None offers the licensed trade a significant opportunity to demonstrate the hard work and commitment they place into ensuring that their premises are a safe and friendly environment and will help generate a safer and more positive image of the night time economy in Northampton. Best Bar None rewards and recognises this good practice."

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The Whitehills,
John O'Donnell (Licensee) said: "It's fantastic to win the Best Bar None award this year, we were accredited last year and as a team have set out to improve our operation, building upon the Spirit Group Policies and going the extra mile to give our customers a safe and secure environment to socialise. All the hard work has paid off, and me and my team are over the moon to win this award."

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WHO SAYS THEY ARE THE BEST?

The licensed premises were assessed by a team of experts from Northamptonshire Police, Northampton Borough Council's Licensing and Environmental Health Officers, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service. The overall Best Bar None section winners were chosen by a panel of judges.

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Top cop throws caution to wind in case U-turn

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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ADRIAN Lee, the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, has made an "exceptional" decision to reverse a caution handed by the force to former Cobblers striker Leon McKenzie.

Mr McKenzie, 33, of Rectory Farm, Northampton, arrived at Northampton Crown Court on Monday to find out whether six counts of perverting the course of justice would be dropped or if he would be prosecuted.

But there was high drama when Mr McKenzie's lawyer had to ask Judge Richard Bray for 30 seconds to read a letter sent from the Chief Constable to his client.

In it CC Lee said he had rescinded the initial caution as he felt that "it failed to address the gravity of the offence."

Mr McKenzie, who now plays for Kettering Town, is charged with the offences after allegedly getting a garage in London to provide false documents on six occasions between February 2008 and December 2009 after him and his wife were allegedly snapped by speed cameras.

In each case he claimed mechanics had been working on their car when the vehicle was allegedly caught speeding.

MAKING MOVES: Chief Constable Adrian Lee

Claire Howell, prosecuting, said: "The words of the caution the defendant was issued with are important because the caution was signed and it did not exclude the possibility of prosecution.

"I understand the caution may not preclude a subsequent prosecution or a civil action.

"The defendant was told when he signed the caution a prosecution may occur."

The decision by CC Lee caught Mr McKenzie's barrister, Andrew McGee, unawares.

He had just started his legal argument for his client when he had to ask Judge Bray for time to look at the letter sent by the Force's top man.

Mr McGee said: "For the police this was a formal procedure.

"Northamptonshire Police followed its own procedure.

"I have just been handed a letter by the Chief Constable to my client.

"The Crown can't change its mind because of no change in circumstances and no new evidence.

"The Crown has consistently said the police officer made a mistake in issuing the caution but this was not an administrative error.

"You (the Police) took an exercise which had been done on many occasions and went through the formal process of the caution.

"This is a very familiar process and it can't be described as a mistake.

"The state must take responsibility

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Storm in a league cup

SAINTS boss Jim Mallinder believes the brawl which saw winger Chris Ashton (*pictured*) banned for four weeks has been taken 'out of context.'

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Patients' data to join new system

PATIENTS at 46 surgeries in Northampton, Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire are next in line to be linked to the Summary Care Record.

The system will ensure healthcare staff have quicker and easier access to important information about them in case they need emergency care.

The Record is a secure electronic system of patients' vital health information that can be shared between healthcare staff involved in someone's care.

The scheme will give doctors and nurses access to information about patients' allergies, medications and any bad reactions to tablets.

It is only accessible by staff directly involved in a patient's treatment and then only with their consent.

NHS Northamptonshire will be holding a number of sessions for those who have queries.

These will take place on December 15 from 10am to noon at Wellingborough Library, December 20 and January 7 from 9am to noon at Weston Favell Shopping Centre and February 6 from 2pm to 4pm at the Swansgate Shopping Centre in Wellingborough. An event is also planned for Rushden.

For more information call 0300 123 3020.

TUCKING IN: General manager John O'Donnell and Jess Maynard are joined by Martin Roberts, Paul Diggin, Christian Day, Alex Waller and Phil Dowson from the Saints

Saints stars check out new look pub

MEMBERS of Northampton Saints touched down at the revamped Whitehills Way Pub.

The facility invited the club's players to re-open the venue which has introduced a Flaming Grill menu, following a £300,000 investment.

Whitehills general manager, John O'Donnell, said: "It was an honour to welcome the rugby team down to our great new pub." Following the investment by owners Spirit Pub Company, Whitehills has also created 30 new jobs.

Mr O'Donnell added: "We had an overwhelming response to our recruitment campaign before we closed and the calibre of applicants has been extremely high.

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Police request to put land sell-off on hold

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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PLANS to sell land at Wootton Hall, the site of Northamptonshire Police's headquarters, is expected to be put on hold.

A report was presented to the Police Authority yesterday by the Chief Constable of the Force, Adrian Lee.

In his report he outlined how there had been requests to purchase land within the Wootton Hall Estate.

He asked the Police Authority to postpone decisions of the sale of any part of it until discussions with Northamptonshire County Council on the future of the estate had finished.

Wootton Hall

In the report it states: "The possibility of agreeing to a sale has been explored by the Head of the Estates and facilities Department.

"Although this is feasible, it is considered to be unwise for the Police Authority to agree to a sale of part of the Wootton Hall Estate whilst discussions with the county council are progressing.

"Once the discussions are concluded it is anticipated the future of the Wootton Hall Estate will be determined.

"The authority is asked to approve the decision not to agree to the sale of any part of the Wootton Hall Estate until the discussions with Northamptonshire County Council on the future of the Wootton Hall Estate have been concluded and a determination reached."

Damage after shop set alight

ARSONISTS made a hole in a roof and climbed through it to set a business premises on fire on Barrack Road in Northampton.

Police are appealing for information about the incident which occurred at about 3.20am on Sunday.

The offender/s are believed to have set the shop alight after accessing it through the hole they made.

Nothing was stolen although there was considerable smoke and fire damage.

Witnesses, or anyone with information, should call Northamptonshire Police on 101.

£20k reward to find 'body in field' killer

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of a kidnapped man whose remains were found in Northamptonshire, are offering a reward of up to £20,000.

The Met Police are hoping information will lead to the identification, arrest and prosecution of the person/s responsible for the murder of Andrzej Kulesza.

The body of the 27-year-old was found in a remote field near Rothersthorpe, close to Northampton, on April 25.

A post-mortem examination was conducted but failed to establish a cause of death.

Mr Kulesza had been reported missing to Tottenham Police after last being seen leaving his home in Stamford Hill at about 8am on September 18 last year.

He went out to buy milk and bread at the local shop but never returned home.

Detectives believe he was kidnapped.

Shortly afterwards the victim's girlfriend began receiving ransom demands.

She paid a quantity of cash but Mr Kulesza was not returned and all telephone calls ended on September 21, 2010. The girlfriend then alerted police.

On April 25 a woman walking her dog found bones in the field near Rothersthorpe.

DNA tests showed they belonged to Mr Kulesza and a murder investigation was launched by the Metropolitan Police Service's Homicide and Serious Crime Command.

An incident room is open at Hendon under Detective Chief Inspector Jacqueline Sebire.

DCI Sebire said: "We hope the offer of this reward will encourage people to come forward with any piece of information - no matter how small - and help with our investigation.

"It is still not clear how Andrzej was kidnapped - he would not usually have left the house at that time so perhaps he had arranged to meet someone who then orchestrated the abduction.

"We believe he was killed shortly after the ransom demands stopped.

"We would ask anyone with information or anyone who witnessed suspicious activity either in Stamford Hill that day or in the Rothersthorpe area to contact us as soon as possible."

Contact 020 8358 0200.

£35m project could bring 1,000 jobs to county

A MULTI-million development which could create up to 1,000 jobs in the county has been unveiled this week.

Leading property developer Albion Land has announced plans for the £35 million project, known as Network 401, which will be on a 25-acre site in Brackley between Northampton Road and the A43, a prominent location at the northern entrance to the South Northants market town.

The proposal comprises about 400,000 sq ft of mixed-use commercial buildings in the area known locally as Horsepower Highway.

The company feels its scheme could resolve the question mark hanging over the future of Brackley Cottage Hospital, with a proposed 60,000 sq ft health care campus providing new doctors' surgeries, care beds and dental surgery.

BIG IDEAS: The proposed site

Director of Albion Land, Simon Parsons, said: "Network 401 will be a high quality mixed-use development as befits the location and the growth plans for Brackley.

"The development will reflect specific occupier requirements and we would expect the completed project to create up to 1,000 jobs and substantial inward investment.

"The A43 is referred to as the Horsepower Highway due to the proximity of Silverstone and the high number of motorsport related businesses in the area. The site is likely to be popular with motorsport occupiers and those organisations wanting bespoke facilities in a high-profile location.

"We believe this site has a key role in contributing to the economic development needs of the town and to broaden the range of facilities available to the local community.

"We are hopeful that the scheme may also resolve the long-running proposal to replace Brackley Cottage Hospital and to provide a site for enlarged healthcare facilities which are required to meet the needs of the growing resident population."

Pair deny role in Devon drugs run

BY JULIA SUTTON
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TWO Vietnamese men from Northampton have denied being a part of a gang which ran a cannabis farm 200 miles away on an industrial estate in Devon, a court has heard.

Nail technician Van Pham, 48, said he had gone for a Sunday outing with a friend and had no idea that drugs were involved.

An 18-year-old who was in the hired Transit van with him has now changed his plea and admitted being part of a £165,000 cannabis growing plot.

The court was told Mr Pham was one of three Vietnamese men from Northampton who were arrested carrying more than two kilograms of recently harvested cannabis and £18,000 cash when the van was stopped in Somerset.

Growing equipment was later found at the house where he lived in Norman Road, Northampton, which was identical to that in use in the factory in Exeter.

A jury at Exeter Crown Court was told how police found the 328 plants in a disused unit on the Marsh Barton estate last December after a tip off from the manager of a car hire shop who saw two men acting suspiciously.

Mr Pham, Lenh Nguyen, 47, of Great Gull Close, Northampton and Omer al-Rawe, 31, of Brownlees, Exminster, all deny conspiracy to supply cannabis.

Chung Tran, 18, also of Norman Road, Northampton, has now admitted the same charge.

The prosecution say the gang hired the van in Northampton and the three men used it to go to Exeter to tend or harvest the plants at a hydroponic cannabis farm.

They were seen in the van close to the unit, where al-Rawe was also spotted, but the drugs were only found later that evening.

Mr Pham, through an interpreter, insisted he knew nothing about either the cannabis growing, the drugs in the van, or the cash.

He said the growing equipment found at his home in Northampton belonged to a 17-year-old illegal immigrant who lived in a different room which he never visited.

Mr Pham said: "Mr Nguyen contacted me and asked me to come with him. It was a Sunday and I was free so I agreed.

"He didn't tell me where we were going and I fell asleep in the van.

"When I woke up after a few hours I was told we were waiting for the man with the sofa. I waited five or ten minutes and then the police tapped on the window.

"We all spent the night at the hotel and I woke up to find the others had left the room."

He said they had gone out but he rang them and they returned and all agreed to return home without picking up the sofa and were then arrested on the motorway.

Mr Pham added: "I went on the trip just to help a friend to collect a sofa. I had no knowledge of any cannabis production."

Mr Nguyen, a chip shop worker, denied knowing that the truck was being used for a drugs run when he hired it and drove the 200 miles to Devon.

British citizen Mr Nguyen, claims he was helping a friend by making the trip.

He said: "I remember looking at a map and thinking it was a long way to go to pick up a sofa. I had no idea cannabis was involved at all."

The trial continues.

Leon's case 'exceptional'

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for decisions of this sort." Judge Bray will assess all the evidence in the case and issue his judgement at a later date.

In a statement, Inspector Elliot Foskett (staff officer to the Chief Constable), said: "A caution has no statutory basis, it is an administrative action exercised by the police and one which can be rescinded by the police.

"The Chief Constable decided to rescind the caution in this case as he felt that it failed to address the gravity of the offence and was in breach of both Home Office guidance and Director's Guidance upon charging.

"Both local and national records will reflect this decision.

"Mr McKenzie has been written to and informed of the Chief Constable's decision.

"It is an exceptional circumstance for a Chief Constable to authorise the removal of a caution."

Rail journeys stall as person's hit by train

TRAIN services to and from Northampton were disrupted yesterday after a person was hit by a train in the Hanslope area.

The first sign something was wrong came when the 12.33pm Crewe to London Euston service was delayed at Northampton.

The knock-on effect of short notice alterations, cancellations and delays caused a number of trains to be delayed or not finish their journey.

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Listen to striking workers

I AM very pleased to see that the strikes on November 30 in Northampton were a huge success for the trade union movement.

The Conservative/Liberal Democrat Coalition should now start to listen seriously to what the trade unions are justifiably saying.

For instance, their pensions should be linked to the RPI rather than the lower CPI.

Our hard working public sector employees deserve a decent pension in old age.

I think local Tory MPs have underestimated the depth of public feeling about the poor treatment of nurses, teachers and civil servants by Government ministers.

Very few public sector workers are "gold plated" and are actually very modest.

I hope the trade unions are successful in their campaigning.

Councillor Lee Mason
Labour Group Leader
Northampton Borough Council

Dark streets prove the Tories don't care

SO the clocks have gone back and the nights have drawn in.

The impact of the Conservatives' (Northants County Council) decision to switch off half the lights is being felt by many people as their daily routines are plunged into darkness.

It's so dark on many of our streets and alleys now and lots of people are telling me they are scared to go out.

With the cut of £500,000 to Police Community Support Officers our streets are less safe, thanks to Northamptonshire Conservatives.

It's not just about crime and the fear of crime though. Driving home from work is now more difficult as roads are darker.

Children walking home from school, particularly if they have been to after school clubs, are affected.

Uneven pavements mean that elderly people are more likely to suffer a fall because it's more difficult to see where they are going.

All this because the Conservatives panicked last year and rushed through an extra £1m cut to lights because they couldn't find a way to plug their £20m budget black hole.

It's a real shame that they didn't listen to the Liberal Democrats' alternative budget in February where they showed the money could be found.

It's a real shame they didn't listen to the Liberal Democrats when we put a motion to switch them back on in the summer.

Indeed, not only didn't they listen but their senior councillors actually insulted the members of the public who came to ask for the lights to be switched on.

It's a real shame that they didn't listen to the Liberal Democrats when we put in a motion in September asking the Conservatives to look again at the appeals process and extend it until after October 30 when the clocks went back. Local people were denied the right to ask for lights to be put back on.

Sadly for Northampton the Conservative led County Council isn't even prepared to debate this issue any more. The Liberal Democrats tried to secure a debate about the impact specifically on safer routes to schools but this has been turned down.

The Conservatives clearly just don't care about the safety of local people.

Councillor Dennis Meredith
Thorplands Division,
Northamptonshire County Council

Updates are needed to improve our town

WITH regards to LR Turner's comment about the bus service and prices.

While I agree with her points, this sort of letter is not constructive in developing Northampton and will only make the powers that be not bother developing the bus station.

That bus station is an eyesore and I am ashamed whenever people choose National Express or bus over the train to come and visit. If we want Northampton to be a nice place to live then these sort of landmarks need to be updated.

It looks and feels dated, it's not a clever system with the bays, it's unpleasant and cold to wait for a bus.

Let's not hamper another good initiative to improve the town centre.

G de Silva
By email

Excess rubbish must leave rats licking lips

IT is no surprise to me, nor I expect to many other residents of this town, to read about rats in certain areas.

This is obviously due to the excess rubbish thrown in our streets regardless of when refuse collection is due.

The main culprits in our area are the multi-occupancy residents who throw out anything into the street whether in bags or not.

For example, my refuse/recycling collection date is Monday.

By Tuesday a neighbour started putting out black sacks and by Saturday afternoon there were 21 bags across the front of their property. I should imagine every rat in the area was licking its lips.

I thought the council was taking a tough line with both landlords and tenants of these properties but apparently budget cuts mean that it has to be more lenient.

Why don't the council issue wheelie bins to multi occupancy houses to help keep areas clean and the rat problem may be reduced.

Surely prevention is cheaper than the cure.

Thank you for giving me the chance to let off steam.

KJ Fruish
Northampton

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Cops arrest three suspects in raids

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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THREE more people in the county have been arrested by police following dawn raids as part of a crackdown tackling drugs supply.

Nine warrants were executed on Tuesday as part of Operation Guardian – eight in Northamptonshire and one in Hampshire.

The three arrested were:

■ A 34-year-old man at an address in Northampton, on suspicion of drugs offences. He is in custody at Weston Favell police station

■ A 28-year-old woman in Burton Latimer, in connection with money laundering offences. She is in custody at Wellingborough police station

■ A 33-year-old man in Northampton, on suspicion of handling offences. He is in custody at Weston Favell police station

Another man was arrested at an address in Southampton, Hampshire.

Three vehicles, with an estimated total value of £75,000, were also seized. A team of 50 uniformed officers, together with CID and specialist support officers, took part in the operation, which has been running covertly for the last year.

Detective Inspector Mark Brayfield, of the serious and organised regional crime team, said: "This action is the culmination of a long-term investigation into the supply of drugs in Northamptonshire and other counties.

"We believe there are organised crime groups responsible for much of the supply of drugs in the county and we are determined to root them out and cut off the wider criminality and anti-social behaviour associated with it.

"We are working in conjunction with our regional colleagues and would appeal to any members of the public, concerned or affected by drugs in their community, to contact us."

Anyone with concerns should contact Northamptonshire Police on the non-emergency number 101.

■ On Friday another eight search warrants were carried out as part of the same operation. Nine people were arrested for various offences including possession of drugs, possession of section 5 firearms, suspicion of burglary and suspicion of robbery.

A quantity of drugs was seized as well as a can of CS spray.

The high-impact day coincided with numerous activities by local teams including a street briefing in Blackthorn, a public consultation event in South Northants as well as high visibility patrols.

Officers identified 92 vehicles showing valuables and letters were later sent to the registered owners of the vehicles.

Twelve disruption visits were carried out on people of interest by senior officers, with a further 16 by Operation Guardian officers.

Officers also carried out an ANPR operation covering the east sector of Northampton – Thorplands, Lumbertubs, Lings, Great Billing and Weston Favell.

Twelve vehicles were stopped, including three which were recovered for being uninsured and having associated fixed penalty notices.

One of the dumped cats
Picture courtesy of the RSPCA

'Distinctive' felines dumped

TWO ten-month-old cats were found dumped near to the entrance of Sywell Country Park.

The pair were discovered in a carrier by a concerned member of the public in Washbrook Lane, Ecton on the morning of Saturday, November 26.

The cats are both female with distinctive colouring and following an examination by a vet it was found one of them is still producing milk so must have recently had kittens.

RSPCA inspector Polly Underwood said: "These poor cats could have been left overnight and it is heartbreaking to think someone appears to have just dumped them.

"One of the cats is producing milk, but is not pregnant, which therefore means somewhere she has a litter of kittens which may have been ready to be weaned.

"These cats are beautiful and quite unusual in their colouring so someone somewhere must know who they belong to.

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There's hope on the mums needing help

A SPECIAL scheme is giving hope to teenage girls who find themselves pregnant and with nowhere to go. **LAWRENCE JOHN** found out more about New Horizons House and how it is giving these youngsters a chance for the future

IN the film It's a Wonderful Life, George Bailey wishes he had never been born and gets the chance to see what would have happened if this came true.

Clarence, his guardian angel, shows him he in fact has a wonderful life and should not wish this when so many people rely on him.

In one sense, this is what New Horizons House in Spencer, Northampton, does for a number of pregnant teenage girls.

Staff show them however bleak they think it is now – being so young and finding themselves pregnant – there is hope on the horizon.

There is a chance for them, if they want it, to get help to find a better life.

New Horizons House is owned by Nottingham Housing Association and supported by Bromford Support.

Support worker Geri Norris explained about the work carried out by the home and how it helps these teens. There are ten flats for young parents aged 16 to 24 years old and they can stay for up to two years.

The girls who end up at the house normally get referred to the team by Social Services, Sure Start or a children's centre.

Each girl who gets to stay in one of the flats provided has to adhere to the rules.

They have their own rooms and staff do not intrude into them unless necessary.

However, there is a policy of three strikes and you're out so if the rules are broken, they have to leave.

> These are girls who have not got anywhere else to go. This is a stepping stone before they move on. They can stay with us for two years and this gives them a better opportunity for a future

Ms Norris said: "These are girls who have not got anywhere else to go.

"This is a stepping stone before they move on.

"They can stay with us for two years and this gives them a better opportunity for a future.

"Some of them do not have a family and if they do then it might not be the best relationship.

"A lot of them are pregnant and sleeping on a friend's sofa.

"Some of them have never lived on their own and do not know how to cook or manage their money.

"We can help them get into education and show them what they can do.

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and a set of questions is asked as part of an assessment.

However, there is a very long waiting list to get into New Horizons House as there is very little social housing for the girls to move into.

There is the option of renting accommodation privately but a lot of landlords do not accept housing benefit.

One of the girls who has benefited from this Northampton-based scheme is Chelsea.

She said: "I have been here eight months and have achieved a lot to help me move on.

"My housing officer at the borough council referred me and I came here for an interview.

"I couldn't stay with my mum as there were only two bedrooms and not enough room.

"I would have loved to have lived at home. I am looking now and I hope to get somewhere of my own."

Ms Norris said when the girls arrive they have very little self confidence.

But gradually over time, for many of them, starts to grow and in her words they 'blossom'.

She added: "They will have our support as long as they need it, even after they have left."

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Non-999 callouts fill emergency line

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FIGURES released by East Midlands Ambulance Service show 72 per cent of all the calls it received last year were for non-emergencies.

The emergency service (EMAS) is calling on people to be life savers and not time-wasters by phoning for an ambulance when not necessary.

Last year EMAS responded to 723,519 emergency 999 calls and of those, 205,248 were for life threatening conditions.

Director of Operations for EMAS, Peter Ripley, said: "Genuine life threatening calls only make up around 28 per cent of our work and we need the public to help us concentrate on and have the resources available to respond to real emergencies.

"If you dial 999 for a problem which is not a genuine emergency, then you could be delaying the response to someone who is suffering from a life threatening condition.

"In extreme cases, this could mean you put someone else's life at risk – maybe even a loved one who lives in a different part of town.

"Real life threatening emergencies include choking, chest pain, difficulty in breathing, drowning, fitting or concussion, serious blood loss, severe burns or allergic reactions.

"Some people incorrectly think if they arrive at A&E in an ambulance they will be seen more quickly than if they arrived by car, taxi or public transport. Our highly trained and qualified call takers, based in our Emergency Operations Centres, receive on average a new 999 call every 45 seconds. They take details from the caller and provide further advice over the phone.

"If an emergency response is required it is dispatched while the call taker continues to take information about the patient and offer advice to start treating the condition.

"Be a life saver not a time-waster - if you become unwell, stop to consider which NHS service you should use."

People can visit www.nhs.uk or call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 for advice if they feel unwell, are unsure of their condition or need help.

£370k plan to boost size and facilities of village school

PLANS to increase the size of a primary school will be discussed next week.

Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet will be asked on Tuesday to award a contract for the extension works at John Hellins Primary School in Potterspury. Housing developments in the area mean the school will have an additional five pupils in each year group, taking the total from 105 to 140 students.

Already the school has increased its reception intake by making temporary provision for a fifth class.

The £370,000 building project will provide a new classroom, outdoor covered play area, an extra group room and improved toilets.

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The man responsible for the popular annual edition is Phil Eldridge who hand selects the pictures for every month.

Mr Eldridge said: "The pictures we use are ones we have not used before. They are ones I like and we hope it captures and reflects the mood and theme of Northampton in bygone years."

The Old Northampton Calendar is £4.99 including board envelope and is available online at www.old-northampton.co.uk from WH Smith and selected post offices, news-agents, card shops and book stores.

'High risk' young drinkers boozing on double levels

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PEOPLE aged between 18 and 25 years old in the county are drinking double the recommended amount of alcohol every day.

A recent NHS Northamptonshire survey held in Northampton's pubs and clubs during Alcohol Awareness Week revealed those deemed to be in the high risk category are drinking eight units a day.

The recommended rate for men is three to four units a day and for women it is two to three.

Those at high risk are therefore drinking double the recommended daily amount. This would equate to nearly a bottle of wine (ten units) a day or four pints of beer (half a pint is one unit).

Although the figures show a nine per cent reduction in the number of young people drinking in the highest risk category compared to last year, health workers are keen to get the responsible drinking message across.

Alcohol can play a role in causing many medical conditions some of which include strokes, cancer of the mouth, pharynx and larynx, breast cancer, liver cirrhosis and high blood pressure.

The same survey also showed a six per cent increase in the category of low risk young drinkers.

NHS Northamptonshire health improvement co-ordinator Dawn Wintle said: "Although these results show an improvement on last year, work still needs to continue to inform people of the risks to health from drinking above the recommended levels.

"Peer pressure plays a big part in persuading young people to drink too much.

"But being part of the crowd is much more fun when your brain isn't befuddled with booze."

NHS Northamptonshire is actively campaigning now, throughout the party season, and for the next six months, with this age group who go out and drink too much.

Public health manager Pam Berry said: "We want young people to drink sensibly.

"If they are drinking we do not want them to drink more but to be in control of what they are doing.

"Once people start drinking too much they are not in control of their actions.

"They can become violent or become vulnerable to attack."

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Event will boost fund for tot who lost mum

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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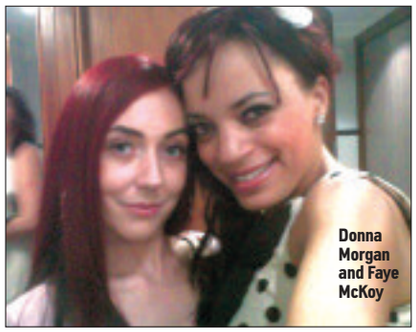
FAMILY and friends in Northampton are rallying together to help raise money for a young boy who has been left without his mum after she died in a car accident in August.

Donna Morgan, 22, of Brookside Meadows and Faye McKoy, 24, of Tenby Road, Spencer, were killed when the vehicle they were travelling in crashed on the northbound slip road at junction 15a of the M1.

Mrs Morgan was a former student of The Duston School, Thomas Becket School and Northampton College.

She had a son, Du'reece, who was 19 months old when she died. The fundraising evening is scheduled to take place on January 21, which is coincidentally the toddler's second birthday.


Donna Morgan and Faye McKoy

One of the organisers, Kevin Fardon, said: "Basically it came from an idea which came from someone at the Kingsley Park Working Men's Club. I used to do a lot of fundraising for Children in Need and so I was asked to help out and started organising the entertainment and helping with ticket sales.

"Donna used to work behind the bar at the club for three to four years.

"People at the club were devastated.

"A few of the girls who work at the club used to live in the same area. I spoke to one of them this week and she is still upset by what happened. She is still trying to come to terms with it.

"I could not believe it when it happened as I had only spoken to her the Wednesday before.

"This is being done as a tribute to Donna and to put some money in Du'reece's bank account for the future."

Mr Fardon said the club had given him the use of the concert room for free and The Tornadoes, who are providing the entertainment, will also not be taking payment.

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£113,000 museum revamp underway

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WORK to modernise Northampton Museum and Art Gallery has started.

Renaissance funding of £113,000 from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, along with money from Northampton Borough Council's capital fund, is being used to pay for the revamp which is due to be completed by the end of March next year.

The transformation will include new flooring, improved lighting and redecoration throughout.

Changes will also focus on opening up the main entrance, re-fitting the ground floor to include a welcoming shoe lounge offering a range of refreshments, a re-fitted shop with a greater array of gifts and memorabilia and improved, more flexible exhibition displays.

Northampton Borough Council cabinet member for museums, Councillor Brandon Eldred, said: "Museums are operating in an increasingly competitive market and we are rising to the challenge to give visitors the quality of services they rightly expect.

"Northampton is home to the nation's finest collection of shoes which has been awarded designated status in recognition of its national and international importance.

"This funding will mean that we can develop our museum as a cultural space that is a fitting showcase for the collection."

The museum is staying open throughout the modernisation works but visitors are advised that there may be some disruption although the aim is to keep this to a minimum.

Plans showing how the museum will look once the work is complete are currently on display inside the venue.

INSIDE: How the entrance to the museum will look

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Age limit of cabs put under scrutiny

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A CONSULTATION has kicked off to find out whether residents and businesses believe there should be an age limit for taxis.

Around half of the country's local authorities have such a restriction but in Northampton the existing policy only stipulates that Hackney Carriages (black cabs) must be less than three years old when licensed for the first time but after that there is no upper age limit.

No rules apply for Private Hire Vehicles.

Northampton Borough Council's licensing committee met at the end of September and agreed to consult with those working in the taxi industry and members of the public about reviewing its policy on age limits for taxis.

As the licensing authority, the borough council is responsible for ensuring vehicles are up to standard.

As well as consulting on whether to adopt an age policy common to all cabs, the authority will also be asking for views on whether to increase the minimum engine capacity of Private Hire Vehicles from 1400cc to 1600cc and if certain cars should be exempt.

Chair of the council's licensing committee, Councillor Christopher Malpas, said: "As the licensing authority we must ensure that licensed vehicles are as safe, reliable and comfortable as possible.

"Public safety is our primary concern and we are keen to hear your views on this important consultation."

Questionnaires are available online by visiting www.northampton.gov.uk/taxi consultation or for a paper copy call the authority's community safety team on 01604 838968.

The consultation started on Monday and runs until noon on February 29. The findings will be fed back to the committee in May next year to make a decision.

New taxi site to get people home safely

A NEW Hackney Carriage rank opens on The Drapery tomorrow with the aim of cutting queues at the All Saints' Church site.

The rank will accommodate 12 vehicles and will be available at the top end of The Drapery, outside Debenhams, every night between 11pm and 5am.

The initiative is supported by the Northampton Community Safety Partnership, which is made up of local agencies including Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and the police.

Borough council cabinet member for community safety, Councillor David Mackintosh, said: "I am keen to see the new rank up and running in time for the festive season which will inevitably see more people enjoying an evening out in the town centre.

"Ensuring people get home safely at the end of a night out has to be a priority for us all."

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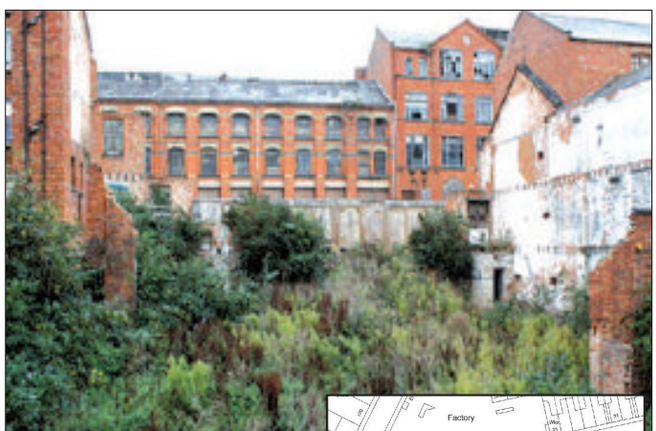

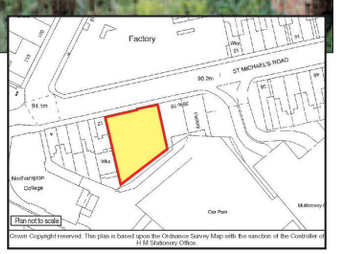

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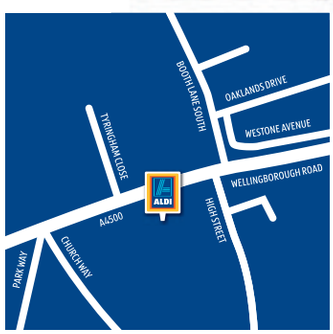

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Miss Taylor, 17, was playing in the Abu Dhabi Junior Golf Championships when she heard.

She has been shortlisted with nine other young sporting stars, including champion diver Tom Daley, who have achieved international success at junior level or performed well for their age at senior level.

This year, Miss Taylor has won a national title and played in both open and amateur competitions in Europe and the USA. She also represented Europe in the Junior Solheim Cup, the junior ladies equivalent to the Ryder Cup.

Miss Taylor, currently 25th in the World Senior Ladies Amateur rankings, is in her second year studying for a BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport and Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence.

Lauren Taylor

Court for man on 'flasher' charges

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A FORTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD man from Northampton is due in court next week, charged with four counts of indecent exposure close to a supermarket.

Between November 4 and 26 police received reports of these four incidents on the grounds of Tesco Mereway in Clannell Road, Northampton.

The incidents all occurred during the night, in the area around the petrol station or cash machines.

As a result of plain-clothes patrols in the area, a man was arrested during the early hours of last Saturday morning.

He was caught in a state of undress in Overslade Close, following a foot chase having been disturbed committing an offence.

The man is due to appear at Northampton Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, December 13.

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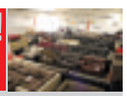

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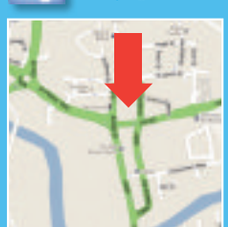

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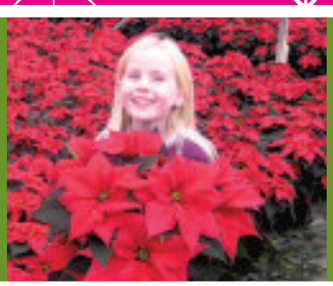

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TalkingPoint

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Party's helped to make difference

What have the Liberal Democrats ever done for us?

The Chancellor's autumn statement cast a pretty gloomy picture. The economic crisis caused by the banks, who were allowed to get away with just about anything under Labour, has been worsened by the Eurozone crisis, caused by governments not being able to meet their debts.

It's clear that the deficit reduction plan, however difficult it is to swallow, has won the confidence of the markets.

Despite massive debts the UK is not in the same mess as Greece, Italy, Spain, Ireland or Portugal. But we have a new challenge to meet – making sure the economy is growing and unemployment goes down.

In amongst the gloomy forecasts and list of depressing numbers, there were several announcements aimed at kick-starting the economy.

The Youth Contract, a £1 billion fund to get young people into work, was announced.

That will benefit 3,830 youngsters in Northamptonshire.

Youth unemployment has been rising for a decade and in these tough times it is crucial that we make sure a generation is not left behind.

Another big new idea was the £30b infrastructure boost – new homes, roads and railways, paid for in part by investment from pension funds.

In our county that means the A14 at Kettering and the Corby link road get the go-ahead. The regional growth fund, a pot of money to boost the economy and jobs outside London, has been upped by £1b.

Poorer families will also get a boost thanks to 15 hours free childcare provision for all two year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds.

That will benefit 1,700 children here in Northamptonshire.

Meanwhile the banks are being made to pay more as the banking levy has been increased.

One thing all these welcome policies have in common – they are all Liberal Democrat ideas.

In fact, many of the Coalition Government's best policies have been Liberal Democrat inspired.

Take for example the income tax threshold rise – taking millions out of tax altogether and giving millions more families a tax cut.

That was straight from the cover of the Liberal Democrat manifesto.

As too was the pupil premium – more money for our schools, spent on the poorest pupils to give everyone a fair start in life – £2.5b nationally by 2015 and £6.5 million this year for Northamptonshire's schools.

The triple lock on pensions and the earnings link restored, broken by the last Labour government if you remember (which gave us the insulting 75p a week rise in pensions). Liberal Democrat action has given the biggest ever cash rise in pensions this coming year.

The list goes on – Trident delayed, the intrusive and expensive ID card system scrapped.

Environmental action like the £3b green investment bank to boost new technology and cut carbon emissions and the Green Deal offering home-owners insulation to keep bills down.

It is unnatural for many Liberal Democrats to share power with the Conservatives.

But without the Lib Dems fighting in Government the Tories would have dismantled our health services and scrapped our human rights.

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In this performance Lupton turns his lyrical eye towards the magical connection between man and horse.

Intertwining Navajo mythology, Celtic wondertales and slave ballads, this programme has at its heart The Horses – Lupton's stunning narrative poem.

In praise of the life of a horseman's daughter, this is poetic storytelling at its very best.

Lupton has 30 years of storytelling experience and has toured internationally.

He has previously been seen at Royal & Derngate performing On Common Ground, an evening of words and music that celebrates the life and times of legendary Northamptonshire poet John Clare, which was presented as part of the theatre's Hometown season.

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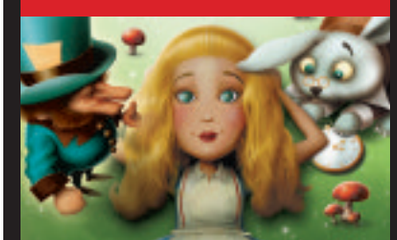

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Tickets are £7.50 per adult which includes a glass of fizz and festive canapés.

The fun continues on Saturday and Sunday, from 10am to 4pm, with treats for the home and garden, food and drink, gifts and more.

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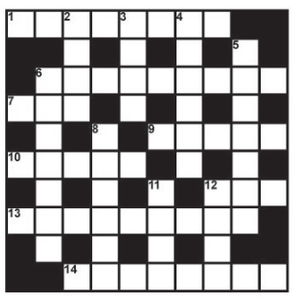

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Sea Birds: *Tern, Puffin, Gull, Auk, Erne, Knot, Shag, Gannet, Chough, Fulmar, Guillemot, Cormorant, Petrel, Skua, Bonxie, Tystie, Kittiwake, Cobb, Scray, Rotch*

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MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

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ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
QUARRYING, Agin, Aghn, Angry, Gain, Gair, Gaun, Gaur, Grin, Grr, Grai, Graer, Grain, Grainy, Grain, Gray, Grin, Guan, Guar, Gurry, Quag, Ragi, Rang, Rangy, Raring, Ring, Rung, Rung, Runing, Uring, Yang, Yuga &???

ANSWER: MATCH FIVE
PETAL, LATER, PROSE, TRAIL, SPORT

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Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg 8÷2+9-8x5=25
Last week: 9 x 9 – 5 ÷ 4 + 2 = 21

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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 13 Maestro: 24+

Breakfast club

– with Heart FM's Stuart and Natalie

Have you ever wondered whether Adele is tempted to sing in her speaking voice?
If you've never heard her talk, it's very different.

We thought the same thing when we caught up with last year's X Factor runner up Rebecca Ferguson as she has her fabulous debut album out in time for Christmas called Heaven.

The first single is called Nothing's Real But Love.

She has an incredible singing voice but have you heard her speak? Of course you have and she's a broad 'Scouse'.

So we asked her whether she'd ever sing in her speaking voice. Laughing, Rebecca said: "It doesn't come out like that, I don't know why it doesn't come out like that but I'm thankful for it."

We wanted to know whether she carried a notebook around in case she's inspired when she's out and about but she's much more savvy: "I see things and I'll remember it but mainly with voice notes on my iPhone. In fact most of the album was recorded like that and I'd take it into the studio and we'd start from there."

She's not got the new iPhone that talks back despite wanting one and possibly asking Santa.

After we heard Adele voted for her 80 times, Rebecca told us the star had been "really lovely through the whole thing." Luckily, she didn't send her the phone bill though.

Rebecca told us: "I have bumped into people and they are like 'I spent £400 texting' and I'm like ok, not really sure what to do now."

Stu suggested offering a couple of tickets to her next gig. Do listen to the full interview on our blog, as Natalie is trying very hard to improve her accents and Rebecca humoured her to try to help and even agreed Natalie had improved.

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday 6am-10am on Heart 96.6FM

Sophie spices up the day

Sophie Grigson

EVENTS

AWARD-winning cookery writer Sophie Grigson was in town this week, bringing some much needed warmth while promoting her latest book, Spices.

Grigson, who used to live near Daventry and maintains strong links with the county through her role as a judge in the annual Carlsberg UK Northamptonshire Food & Drink Awards, visited Northampton yesterday.

She cooked some of the recipes from her book with the help of the competition's reigning 'Curry Chef of the Year' Durga Sapkota, in the kitchens of his restaurant Mem-Saab on Wellingborough Road. Grigson also completed a book signing at Waterstones.

MUSIC

NORTHAMPTON-based dubstep producers Goldlock & Octagon have hit the UK club charts with their debut single Unstoppable.

The track, featuring Daventry singer Rose X, has been played up and down the country on specialist dance radio shows and has become a huge hit in the clubs. The music video was shot and edited by local video whiz Adam Fitch.

People can catch the outfit playing at Atmosphere Club, Northampton tomorrow.

WHAT'S ON

MEET THE AUTHOR
Towcester Library, Richmond Road
Tuesday, December 13 from 7pm to 8.30pm

COUNTY-based writer Louise Gibney has just published her debut novel Girl Meets Boys about online dating.

At the event, guests can hear extracts from the book, meet the author and find out more about the novel. There will also be wine and nibbles. Entry is £3. The tale is a romantic comedy set in Northampton and Milton Keynes.

This silly escapade will be hard to beat

REVIEW

ALICE IN WONDERLAND
Royal & Derngate
Until Sunday, January 8

IT may not much resemble the story from the original book, but I'd stake a large amount of money that Lewis Carroll would be cheering this version of his children's classic as loudly as any of the Royal theatre audience.

The reason is simple: Phil Porter's smart, witty and extremely silly adaptation pays appropriate and affectionate tribute to the source material by capturing exactly the essence of its zaniness and illogicality, while simultaneously creating a piece of theatre that is fast, hugely entertaining and utterly hilarious.

He's considerably aided in this objective by the two co-directors, Dani Parr and Laurie Sansom, in whose hands this wonderful slice of nonsense is endlessly inventive and tear-inducingly funny – and that applies as much for the grown-ups as for the children.

So often Christmas shows claim to work on two levels, desperate to appeal to cynical adults alongside their offspring. With this production, the play hits both targets in one masterful stroke, and they lap it up.

There's a multi-talented cast of nine, an extraordinary on-stage band that somehow makes three musicians sound like a full orchestra, and some stunning effects and designs from Sara Perks and her team that are constantly surprising and effective.

Mark McGee holds proceedings together magnificently as a smooth Mad Hatter with a suggestion of Johnny Depp, presenting a royal variety performance for Liza Sadovy's joyously obnoxious Queen of Hearts.

Alice herself becomes unwillingly inveigled into the performance and has to shed her "square" attitude by learning the important difference between silly and stupid before she's allowed to return to the real world.

It's a concept that works brilliantly, and begins from the moment you enter the foyer, which has been transformed into the White Rabbit's rabbit-hole and gets you in the mood long before curtain-up.

In fairness, it needs a little time to warm up and bed in properly, but this is a truly magical show that takes the recent Christmas successes of the Royal and ratchets them up several levels.

It's a pretty safe prediction to suggest that you'll have to go an awfully long way to find a production that's got more heart, more fun and more sheer silliness to put you in the festive spirit.

MICHAEL DAVIES

Am-dram group's musical dilemma

APPEAL

THE Saint Albans Charity Players of Northampton are on the lookout for a helping hand.

The amateur dramatics group raise money from their productions for local charities.

Their next offering will be a Little Red Riding Hood pantomime but their musicians have pulled out.

They are now sending out a plea to any budding and willing musicians who could help.

The group are looking for a bass player, one or two saxophonists, a keyboard player, a drummer and two or three backing singers.

Volunteers will need to rehearse every Monday evening up to the new year and then Mondays and Wednesdays during next month.

You would then have to commit to playing from January 22 to 28 which will include the full dress rehearsal and the shows.

If you can help, call Sandie on 01604 412327 as soon as possible.

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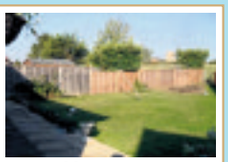

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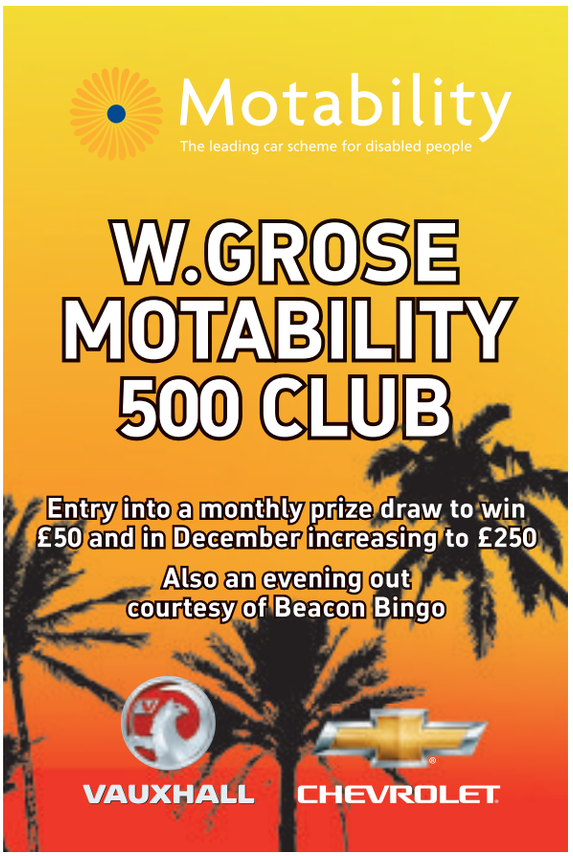

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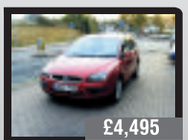

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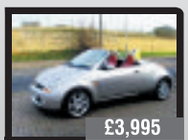

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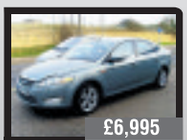

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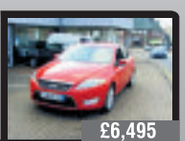

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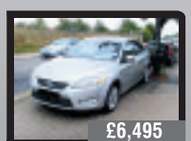

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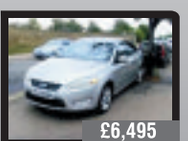

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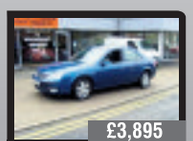

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06 06 KIA SEDONA LE 2.9 DIESEL 7 SEATER 43,000 MILES FSH, ONE ONWER, CD PLAYER, AC, ALLOYS

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04 04 KIA SEDONA LE DIESEL 5DR, MET GOLD, AC, ALLOYS, CD PLAYER, 50K, FSH

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03 03 MERCEDES BENZ S350, SILVER MET, ONE OWNER, FSH, SAT NAV, BLACK LEATHER, PARKING SENSOR, ESR, ES HS, RCL,E4W, FACE LIFT MODEL,ALLOYS, CRUISECONTROL, CD PLAYER.

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08 08 PEUGEOT 16 307 HDI ESTATE, SILVER, AC, ALLOYS, ONE OWNER, FSH

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03 53 PEUGEOT 2.0 HDI 5 DR, SILVER, FSH, RCL, EW, AC, ALLOYS

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07 57 TOYOTA AVENSIS 2.2 D42 T180, 5 DOOR, METALLIC GREY, ONE OWNER, FSH, ALLOYS, AIR CON. 86K

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02 52 VAUXHALL ASTRA 2.0 TURBO 5DR, SILVER, RCL, EW, CD PLAYER, AC, ALLOYS

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03 03 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CLUB AUTOMATIC 5DR, MET BLUE, CD PLAYER, A/C, RCL, E/W

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03 52 VAUXHALL OMEGA 2.2 CDX SLN, RED, AC, ALLOYS, FSH

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08 08 VAUXHALL VECTRA SRI 5 DR, 150 BHP, MET RED, 1 OWNER, FSH, RCL, EW, AC, ALLOYS, FRONT FOGS, CD PLAYER.

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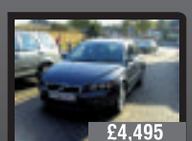

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11-11	**Elegance 1.6TDi Hatchback,** Rosso Brunello, Sunroof,	£15990	£14290	£1700
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11-61	**SE Plus 1.2 69PS Estate,** Black Magic or Brilliant Silver,	£11490	£10990	£1000
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11-11	**SE Plus 1.2 69PS Hatch,** Corrida Red, 17" Alloys,	£10490	£9690	£800
11-11	**Monte Carlo TDi 75PS Hatch,** Anthracite Grey, Climate, Cruise,	£11690	£10990	£700
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11-11	**S 1.4TSi Hatch,** Brilliant Silver,	£13990	£13290	£700
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11-11	**Elegance 1.6TDi Estate,** Aqua Blue,	£16290	£15990	£300
11-60	**Greenline 1.6TDi Hatch,** Brilliant Silver, Sat Nav,	£14990	£14490	£500
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11-11	**S 1.2TSi 105PS DSG Hatch,** Brilliant Silver,	£11490	£10990	£500
11-11	**S 1.2TSi 105PS Estate,** Brilliant Silver,	£10990	£10490	£500
11-11	**Elegance 1.2TSi 86PS Hatch,** Aqua Blue,	£10390	£9990	£400
10-60	**SE 1.2TSi 105PS Hatch,** Black Magic,	£10390	£9990	£400
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09-09	**Fabia 3 1.4TDi Estate,** Black Magic,	£9490	£9190	£300
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11-11	**SE 1.2 70PS Hatch,** Black Magic,	£9290	£8990	£300
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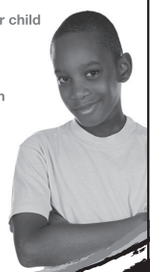

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS SB8 & SB9 – PARISH OF TOWCESTER)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along those lengths of Public Footpaths SB8 and SB9 in the Parish of Towcester as specified below. Access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of footpaths is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The paths to be closed are SB8 (part) and SB9 (part) in the Parish of Towcester.

The existing route SB8 to be diverted begins at Point A on the Order Map at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP 68391 48920. From Point A it travels generally south east for 3 metres to Point B at NGR SP 68392 48917. From here the footpath heads north of east for 155 metres to Point C at NGR SP 68542 48958.

The path is shown on the Order Map by a solid black line between A – B – C.

The existing route SB9 to be diverted begins a Point B on the Order Map at NGR SP 68392 48917. The route then heads south east for 171 metres to Point D at NGR SP 68539 48830.

The path is shown on the Order map by a solid black line between B – D.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to enable the construction of a new development of 82 plots.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th December 2011 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: The alternative route begins at Point A on the Order Map at NGR SP 68391 48920. The alternative route follows the field edge heading north of east for 141 metres to Point E at NGR SP 68522 48970. The route then heads along the footway heading generally south east for 45 metres passing through Point C at NGR SP 68542 48958 it then continues for 22 metres to Point F at NGR SP 68561 48946. From here continue to follow the footway in a generally east of south direction for 74 metres to Point G at NGR SP 68598 48883. It continues along the footway heading south for 39 metres to point H at NGR SP 68598 48844, where it meets a part of footpath SB9.The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between point A – C – E – F – G – H.

Dated this 8th day of December 2011

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

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If you require any further information please contact George Massingham on 01604 634349.

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NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

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N/2011/1205 29A High Street - Re-submission of application number N/2011/0912 for replacement windows and doors. Within Wootton Conservation Area.

N/2011/1183 27 Willow Lane, Great Houghton – Two-storey side and single storey rear extension. (Amendment to previously approved application N/2011/0500). Impacts on the setting of the Great Houghton Conservation Area.

N/2011/1197 10 Craven Street - Single storey rear extension. Within the Boot and Shoe Conservation Area.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the applications, plans and any other documentation submitted at the One Stop Shop, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Plans can also be viewed on-line at www.northampton.gov.uk, click on 'planning' and then 'planning search facility'. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by 29/12/2011.

Susan Bridge, Head of Planning
Northampton Borough Council

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NASEBY ROAD, THORNBY/NASEBY)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Naseby Road, Thornby/Naseby as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Naseby Road, Thornby/Naseby from the junction of Nutcote to junction of Welford Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during removal of vegetation from overhead power cables.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 13th December 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day between 09.00 hrs and 16.00 hrs.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north east use Welford Road, Naseby Road, Cold Ashby Road and Nutcote. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south west.

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Manoa's up for the cup

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SAMU Manoa has been literally living the dream so far for Northampton Saints in the Heineken Cup, and is set to get another shot this weekend against Castres Olympique.

Phil Dowson's suspension and Calum Clark's injury, as well as doubts over Roger Wilson's fitness, have left the club facing some changes in the back row.

That is likely to see Manoa *(pictured in action)* handed his first start in Europe this year, having featured as a replacement in the first two Pool One matches against Munster and the Scarlets.

Defeats in both of those games have left last season's Heineken Cup runners-up facing the very real prospect of not reaching the knock-out stages, making a win in France on Saturday a must.

But while results have not gone in the Saints' favour so far, American Manoa is still enjoying taking on the Continent's top clubs - particularly the trip to Thomond Park.

"I used to watch Munster when I was younger, especially watching Doug Howlett," he explained.

"I was a big fan of him, and then playing on the same field against him - I never thought in my life that I would do that or play against Munster.

"I was hoping he would come my way, but unfortunately he slipped on the inside of me a couple of times.

"Everybody back home was watching that game so when I had a chance to get on the field I just had to do what I had to do.

"I had to bring my game to the table and see if I could help the squad out.

"It's a good competition and the Heineken Cup is big for me coming from where I played back home.

"It's a big step for me and the competition is up there - you have got to bring your A game when you play in the Heineken Cup."

Manoa has been used mostly as a replacement for Northampton this season since joining from American Super League side San Francisco Golden Gate.

And he admits that he is still learning various things about playing at the highest level, particularly with regards to the defensive side of his game.

Manoa said: "I've picked up a lot of small stuff that I didn't know about playing at home. I try to work on my defence.

"It's things like not committing so early and let the play fold out, not just when the ball goes from the scrum half to the fly half and going straight for the fly half.

"I've just got to watch for inside runners or cutbacks like that.

"Before as soon as the ball came from the scrum half I was flying straight for the fly half trying to kill him and not even worrying about anyone on the inside.

"It's small stuff like that which helps a lot and I'm still learning."

Anyone who has seen the towering back row play will know that he thrives on the physical side of the game, and Manoa particularly enjoyed last Saturday's Aviva Premiership derby clash with Leicester Tigers.

The match will be as much remembered for the brawl in the first half that resulted in Alesana Tuilagi and Tom Wood being sent off as for the thrilling spectacle that saw Leicester snatch a 30-25 win late on. "I wouldn't call it a brawl, it was more like pushing and shoving," says the laid back Manoa though, adding: "This is rugby, man."

As for the game itself, Manoa felt it was one of his best in a Northampton shirt and is aiming for a similar performance when he takes on French outfit Castres.

He said: "The physicality was up there, the game was intense and the speed of the game was so quick. It was probably one of my best defensive games.

"I've got to compete at the breakdown because Castres have got a big pack, so we've got to break them down.

"We've got to pick up the game because I don't think they're as fit as us, so we've got to tire them out.

"I'm looking forward to it and I'm ready, so I'll just take it as it is."

Cross country men storm to massive victory

ATHLETICS

NORTHAMPTON'S Men's team totally dominated the second Birmingham League Cross Country Division Two fixture of the season at Abington Park – running out winners by over 100 points on Saturday.

The team score of 93 points was only ten short of their best ever tally and put them 135 points clear at the top of the table ahead of the next meeting in Coventry on January 14 next year.

Top man for the club was 18-year-old Rory Grant who stormed round the four-lap 10k course to finish in a superb third place with a time of 35mins 11secs, making him only the third Northampton-based athlete to clinch a top three berth in this division.

Chasing him hard all the way was Chris Lamb who is in the form of his life and crossed the line in fifth (35m 28s) to improve by five places from the previous race and join five other runners from the club that have made the top five.

Stuart Nelson also advanced one place from the first race to finish in seventh with 35m 41s and the trio were backed up by three athletes who made the top 30.

Chris Perez finished 24th in 37m 18s, junior man Luke Robinson was timed at 37m 37s for 26th and completing the scoring six was veteran Greg Spellman with a two-place improvement from last time in 28th on 37m 47s.

Rugby and Northampton had their biggest turnout for almost six years with 25 athletes competing, including some Junior athletes making their debut.

This helped the B team to win by over 200 points and their total of 318 would have put them seventh among the A teams.

Leading the way was Conor Hills and the 17-year-old gave a good account of himself in his first Senior race to finish in 36th place with 38m 18s and he was followed by his junior team mate Robert Male in 48th with 38m 43s.

Team manager Vince Carroll finished in 53rd spot on 38m 53s and ten seconds behind was Liam Ratcliffe in 56th.

Ben Malia was timed at 39m 23s in 62nd and just three seconds and one place behind was veteran Gary Wallace, closing off the victorious team.

Jo Pulsford once again flew the flag for the R N Ladies to bring her unbeaten run to six races in this League.

She crossed the line in 29th place with a time of 28m 27s and in doing so helped the team to finish in 11th position.

Veteran Alison Cooper came home next with 29m 21s for 45th spot and Angela Copson – recent winner of the W60 Home Countries International for the fourth time – recorded 29m 49s in 57th place.

Daisy Melville joined Cooper and Copson in a very close Masters team competition when she finished 61st in 30m 07s. The R N team finished in third place with only four points covering the top three.

The venue for the ladies third fixture of the season will be at Baggeridge Park, near Dudley on Saturday, January 14

Boss sees no reason why Saints will miss out

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weeks, but they are still a very good team and we're going to have our work cut out to get a win on Saturday.

"They're a big, lumpy side so you've got to compete with them in the scrum, maul and try to dominate in those areas.

"Then you've got to take your opportunities when you can and I think last season down in Castres we scored one outstanding try moving the the ball from our own 22."

The match is also crucial to Northampton's chances of reaching the knock-out stages of European rugby's premier club competition after they suffered defeats in their opening group matches away to Munster and at home to the Scarlets.

Mallinder, though, remains confident, saying: "By losing the first two we've put pressure on ourselves, but there's no reason we can't qualify.

"Last season we went and won all six, so there is no reason why we can't go and win four games on the bounce."

Charity fight night sees Baczyski the star of dinner bill

BOXING

JACOB BACZYSKI was named Evans Boxing Academy's fighter of the night following his third round stoppage of Nirvana ABC's W Billow on Monday evening.

For the 42nd year, the St James-based club and stalwart Bill Evans organised the annual dinner evening at the Park Inn Hotel to benefit the Rotary Club of Northampton.

The ten-fight card saw five of the contests involving members of the host club, and although Baczyski was the only one to record a win he did it in impressive fashion.

Straight from the first bell he went on the offensive against Billow, taking advantage of a low left hand from the Leicester man to land some telling right hooks to his head.

Baczyki's relentless pressure in the second saw Billow given a standing eight count before he unleashed his full arsenal in the last, forcing the referee to halt proceedings.

Club mate Martin Piechota topped the bill against Sileby ABC's Richard Twist, and in a close-fought contest he ended up losing by a majority decision.

Earlier in the evening, Piechota had been presented with an award for his dedication to the club, but was unable to cap the evening with a win after being edged out by Twist.

Boxing barber Adrian Gheorghe was pitted against Burton Park ABC's Adrian Sharpe over four two-minute rounds, with Sharpe utilising his height and reach advantage to take a unanimous decision win on the scorecards.

John Smith also lost by the same verdict against Sileby's Elias Dexter, while Karl Valdita was stopped in his brave battle against Sean Tait, of Leicester's Unity ABC.

Two of the town's other clubs were also represented on the night, with Northampton ABC seeing Daniel Tyres, Daniel Ajagbe and Alex Pennell in action. Tyres stopped Geddington ABC's Duncan Miller in the second round of an entertaining super heavyweight contest after opening a big cut on Miller's left eye with a wicked right cross that led to the referee halting the bout.

Ajagbe's tussle with Unity's Kim Samuel was a close-run affair where the momentum swung one way then the other as both boxers landed some good scoring punches.

However, at the conclusion of the three rounds it was Samuel who got the nod from the judges by a majority decision.

Pennell was up against another Northampton boxer Kaylan Abrams, of Far Cotton Boys ABC, and it was Abrams who made it two wins from his first two contests after winning a crowd-pleasing tear-up by unanimous decision.

The evening began with Wellingborough ABC's Josh Brooks beating Marcus Clifton, of Campol ABC, by a majority decision.

Elsewhere on the card, Jack Johnson won the battle of the Leicestershire clubs against Sileby's Lewis Greeson, with the Earl Shilton ABC junior triumphing by unanimous decision.

JIMMY SINGH'S return to the ring saw him claim a unanimous decision win over Polish boxer D Nowak in Hoddesdon on Saturday night.

The Far Cotton Boys ABC pugilist was making his first appearance of the season and took a convincing win in the 62kg contest at the Robert Gilling Hall.

Club mate Carl Fail was also boxing on the same bill against Polish opposition, and like Singh he won by a unanimous verdict over M Marcinkowski.

John Daly has four of his boxers out tomorrow night on the Benny's ABC show at Cotgrave Miners Welfare in Nottingham.

Eithan James, Ben Fail and Kyle Owen are all set to feature on the card, while Luke Corr is also down to make his debut for the club.

New club aims to get more kids involved in sport

RUGBY LEAGUE

STEVE Ferres of the Rugby Football League believes that Northampton Town's venture into the sport will succeed where others have failed and has vowed that the governing body will give them its full backing.

It was confirmed last Thursday that Northampton had won one of the four places available in Co-operative Championship One – the third tier of rugby league in this country – from the 2013 summer season onwards. The team, which will be owned by the Cobblers and play out of Sixfields, will also be associated with the town's amateur club Northampton Demons, with earning a place in the top flight Super League the eventual aim.

Fulham, Cardiff City and Preston North End are amongst those football clubs to have tried running rugby league teams in the past, with varying degrees of success, but RFL club support manager Mr Ferres said: "It comes down to people, and people wanting things to work.

"David [Cardoza] is adamant that he wants to make this work and we're going to get behind him and help him make that happen.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to see another sport - it isn't in competition with football and we want football people to embrace it.

"This can be a community based club; let's keep the kids off the street and get them playing sport.

"We have got a great opportunity to play year-in, year-out and the people of Northampton can go down here and enjoy a fantastic sport.

"We have been poor in pushing it forward - there is no doubt about that and we will admit to that which is why it has been a northern-based game.

"We want to expand that, we want people to see and share what it's all about."

The club are currently recruiting members for a fan panel that will decide the kit and nickname, as well as discussing various issues brought up by both them and those running the new operation.

Northampton's new rugby league team will be run off the field by the staff of the football club, while they have also formed a link with Super League side Wakefield Trinity Wildcats who will assist with many aspects, including coach education and marketing.

Moment of truth as Aidy gets down to business

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AIDY Boothroyd will see on Saturday whether the hard work and long hours that he vowed to put the Northampton Town squad through has paid off when he takes to the dugout at Sixfields for his first game in charge.

It is just over a week since the former Watford, Colchester United and Coventry City boss *(pictured)* was named as Gary Johnson's successor in the managerial hot-seat at the club, with Crewe Alexandra providing the opposition in League Two this weekend.

An first round exit in the FA Cup at the hands of Blue Square Bet Premier side Luton Town meant the Cobblers did not have a game last weekend, giving Boothroyd extra time to whip his new charges into shape ahead of the visit of Crewe.

The 40-year-old's first task is to try to end the nine game winless run in the league stretching back to September 24 that has seen Northampton slip closer and closer towards the relegation zone.

Their last outing was a 4-1 defeat at bottom side Plymouth Argyle, while Crewe come into the game having won their first two matches under new manager Steve Davis that has seen them move up to 15th in the division after a poor run.

Boothroyd has had plenty of time to get an idea of the team he will pick for Saturday, although he is limited in what changes he can make to the squad until the transfer window opens next month.

Club chairman David Cardoza has said he will back any transfer ambitions that his new manager has should he decide to bring in new players, although Boothroyd has stated his intention to give the current members of the squad the chance to feature.

On-loan midfielder Derek Niven has now returned to Chesterfield following the end of his month long spell, while others are likely to leave at the start of next year as the boss looks to trim the numbers in the squad.

Saido Berahino is also a doubt for the Crewe game after suffering a knee injury, while Byron Webster, Nana and Nathaniel Wedderburn all remain long-term absentees with their various injuries.

Wilson edges home after potted pink set up narrow victory

SNOOKER

YOUNG professional, Kyren Wilson won the Barratts Handicap event for the first time when he edged out Jon 'Thorpedo' Thorpe 2-1 in the final of Saturday's tournament.

The contest between the two was a close affair and either player could have won as it was decided on the final pink and black.

Thorpe rattled a long pink which would have won him the title and at one stage Wilson left the pink right over the pocket – but luckily he covered it with the black.

In the end Kettering professional Wilson potted a good pink with the rest to set himself up on an easy black to win.

The 19-year-old produced a great performance in his quarter final as he trailed 1-0 against Lee Lovell but then made back-to-back centuries of 106 and 105 to go through.

In the semi final Thorpe played Kyren's brother, Taylor, and stopped the siblings meeting in the final by making breaks of 70 and 69. The defending champion, Jake Spiezick, was defeated by the improving youngster George Ellis in the last 16.

However, Spiezick did go on to make the plate final before being beaten 2-0 by Ross Buthee.

The next tournament is on Saturday, January 7.

Smith steps up to crease as county's chief

CRICKET

FORMER Warwickshire batsmen David Smith has been named as Mark Tagg's replacement as chief executive of Northants Cricket, and will start his new role next month.

Tagg stepped down from the role in October and since then David Beckett has been the county's acting chief executive.

But now they have appointed Smith, who has previously worked with his former county, Leicestershire and the ECB, as well as having experience in the leisure retail sector.

Smith said: "The club has made real progress both on and off the field over the past few years.

"The ground development has improved the facilities on offer to all visitors to the County Ground.

"The team have narrowly missed out on promotion to Division One in the LV= County Championship twice in the last three years, as well as appearing in a t20 Finals Day.

"This indicates a good quality playing staff, and I am looking forward to working with the coach David Capel and the Board of Directors to bring future success to the club."

Smith's playing career with Warwickshire spanned a twelve-year period between 1973 and 1985. He then spent nine years on the committee at Edgbaston following his retirement.

Most recently he was chief executive officer with Leicestershire, stepping down from that position last year.

He also has 20 years experience in many of the UK's tourist attractions, including Blackpool Tower the Winter Gardens, and the Prince of Wales and Edward West End Theatres.

Northants' acting chief executive Beckett said: "David's experience in cricket is outstanding and we are sure that he will make Northants Cricket successful in all areas of the business.

"Throughout the recruitment process, David impressed us with his plans for the ongoing improvement of Northants Cricket."

Meanwhile, Northants skipper Andrew Hall was on the losing team as Mashonaland Eagles finished runners-up to the Mountaineers in Zimbabwe's Stanbic Bank 20 Series.

Hall was one of several county cricketers that headed to Africa for the nine-day Twenty20 tournament that culminated at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday.

The former South Africa international was on the same team as Essex's Ryan ten Doeschate, Surrey captain Rory Hamilton-Brown and Somerset's Peter Trego, as well as former Northants overseas player Elton Chigumbura.

A 23-run Duckworth/Lewis win over the Matebeleland Tuskers saw the Eagles through to the final in the play-offs that followed the pool stage.

However, 56 from Durham wicketkeeper Phil Mustard and good bowling from Dirk Nannes and Shingirai Masakadza during the reply helped the Mountaineers to triumph by 27 runs.

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Don't let brawl take gloss off performance - Mallinder

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JIM Mallinder played down the ugly scenes from last weekend's East Midlands Derby at Welford Road that resulted in two players being sent off and Chris Ashton being handed a four-week suspension.

The brawl between players from Northampton Saints and Leicester Tigers in the first half took some of the gloss off what was a thrilling contest that was only decided in the closing minutes when Horacio Agulla raced away to score the winning try to make it 30-25 to the hosts.

Originally, both Alesana Tuilagi and Tom Wood were sent off by referee Wayne Barnes for their part in the melee. However, Saints winger Ashton was later cited due to pulling Tuilagi's dreadlocks dragging him into touch, which sparked the whole scrap.

"I think it [the brawl] has been blown out of context really and with it being on live TV that probably didn't help, but you do have to put into context what a magnificent game of rugby it was," said Mallinder.

"We do see things like that in training, we see them in games, and we're not saying we want that to happen but sometimes it's a result of 15 players on each side going at each other for 80 minutes.

"It was a tremendous advert for the packed Welford Road crowd; I thought the rugby there was fantastic, two teams giving everything they have got, but with a lot of skill and tries.

"The game had everything and what we have got to be careful of is that we don't take some of the things which are precious to the game of rugby out of it."

Mallinder and the club are currently debating whether or not to appeal Ashton's ban, which sees him miss the back-to-back Heineken Cup games against Castres and Aviva Premiership clash at home to Bath and away to Newcastle Falcons. It is not the first time the England international has tangled with one of the Tuilagi clan, having been on the receiving end of a vicious punch from Alesana's brother Manu during the Premiership semi-final on the same ground last season that saw him banned for a similar period.

SURGING FORWARD: Chris Ashton beats Toby Flood in Saturday's game at Welford Road. Photo by Andy Kearns

Meanwhile, Mallinder was also left frustrated that Tigers skipper Geordan Murphy did not receive any punishment after he appeared to take out Northampton full back Ben Foden just before Agulla streaked away for the game clinching score three minutes from time.

"I don't think he was ever going to get cited for that which was disappointing because it had a massive outcome on the game, but he got away with that," he said.

"We talk about playing to the edge but not going over it, and sometimes you do go over it. We've had incidents in the past at Welford Road and sometimes teams need to be penalised if you do.

"We had a player sent off from both sides so we were both down to 14 and that didn't determine the outcome of the game massively.

"Ultimately, out of that we've lost a player for four weeks and Leicester haven't lost anybody."

Wood is available for this Saturday's European game away at Castres after his sending off was deemed sufficient punishment by the disciplinary panel.

However, Mallinder is having to consider his options for the back row after Phil Dowson was banned for two weeks.

He was up in front of the judiciary after being cited for a dangerous tackle on Alex Goode during Northampton's 30-8 win over Saracens two weeks ago, and pleaded guilty to the charge.

Calum Clark is also injured and number eight Roger Wilson is a doubt after being forced off during the defeat to Leicester.

That means Samu Manoa and Ben Nutley are likely to feature, while youngster James Ingle has also been drafted into the European squad.

Mallinder is expecting another bruising encounter against the French outfit, particularly up front against a large pack.

However, the side are well aware of what to expect having faced Castres in the pool stage of last year's Heineken Cup as well.

"They are a big, physical team and we were tested against them home and away last season," said Mallinder.

"They're a good side; they started the season very well and won a lot of games. They've not been doing quite as well over the last couple of

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